

A Patriot Ancestor

George Lewis Wolfe, Sr. (1752 - 1848) He was born in Fredrick County, Virginia September 11, 1752. He brought his family from Virginia when George Jr. was about 17 years old. he came overland by ox cart and team and settled on Jag Ridge, in what is now Kentucky. Hawkins Wolfe, father of George Wolfe Sr. came from Scotland. he was of Scottish-Irish descent. George married Barbara Baer was born in 1765 (there is a question about the spelling of her last name).

He served for three years, listed as a Patroller, First in the 5th Regiment then later in the 7th Virginia Regiment under Colonel Daniel Morgan, in Captain Charles Porterfield's Company in March 1779. After the Virginia Line was reorganized on September 14, 1778, Morgan the colonel of the 7th Virginia Regiment. His command conducted scouting missions and skirmished with the British. The **5th Virginia Regiment** was raised on December 28, 1775 at Richmond, Virginia for service with the U.S.

Continental Army. The regiment saw action at:

The Battle of Trenton December 30, 1777

Battle of Princeton January 3, 1777

Battle of Brandywine September 11, 1777

Battle of Monmouth June 1778

and the Siege of Charleston after George completed his service.

REG'L ORDERS (Example).

The Drum & Fife Majors must take particular care that the Drummers & Fifers are particularly drest, their Drums & Fifes in good Order and that they practice together one hour every day.

No Drummer or Fifer to play or Beat after Tattos & Reveille Beating except by order of the Commanding Officer.

It gives me pleasure to see the officers of the Regt's appear clean & genteel on the parade, And hope and Expect that they will take care that their Men in like Manner for the future appear decent & clean on the parade as nothing attends so much to the health of Soldiers as Cleanliness.

A Fatigue to parade to-morrow at Troop Beating under Direction of the Quarter Masters. That the Adjutant attend every Morning at Reveille and Retreat Beating to Enquire where the Absent Men are & the reason why they are absent.

COL. MORGAN, 17 Com'g.

BOUND BROOK, May 19th, 1777.

Little else is written about the 5th Regiment during the winter of 1778 -79. In the reorganization of the Virginia Line in May 1779, the 5th Regiment became part of Brig. Gen. William Woodford's Brigade. Following operations in the Northern Colonies, the Virginia troops were ordered south to join Brig. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln in defense of the Southern Colonies. These troops under Woodford and Scott entered Charleston, South Carolina on April 7, 1780. On May 12, 1780, General Lincoln surrendered the city of Charlestown, along with the entire Virginia Line of Continental troops to the British.

Originally authorized on January 11, 1776 in the Virginia State Troops as the 7th Virginia Regiment. Organized between February 7- May 8, 1776 at Gloucester Court House to consist of 10 companies from Halifax, Albemarle, Botetourt, Gloucester, King William, Essex, Middlesex, Cumberland, King and Queen, Orange and Fincastle Counties. Adopted on June 17, 1776 into the Continental Army and assigned to the Southern Department. Assigned on May 11, 1777 from Stirling's Brigade and assigned to the 3rd Virginia Brigade, an element of the Main Continental Army. Reorganized on November 1, 1777 to consist of 8 companies. Relieved on July 22, 1778 from the 3rd Virginia Brigade and assigned to the 2nd Virginia , an element of the Main Continental Army. Reorganized and re-designated on May 12, 1779 as the 5th Virginia to consist of 9 companies. Relieved on December 4, 1779 from the 2nd Virginia Brigade and assigned to the Southern Department. Captured on May 12, 1780 by the British Army at Charleston, South Carolina. Disbanded on January 1, 1783.

This rifle unit was not uniformed, but typically wore leather buckskin clothing which blended into the woodlands. Buckskin clothing was made from the tanned hides of the game shot to provide meat for the colonists living on the edge of civilization. The designs were a combination of those worn by the Indians and the woven clothing of European immigrants. For instance, the fringe of leather used by Indians helped to dry clothing after rain. Leather was more durable and resistant to tearing by rough and thick vegetation encountered during the hunts. Many were lightly decorated with beads to demonstrate a level of kinship with their native neighbors.

George was awarded a Revolutionary War Land Warrant # 2523 for service in the Revolutionary War, this is where he died August 1, 1848 and his wife Barbara Bear 1851 in Harrison County, Kentucky.